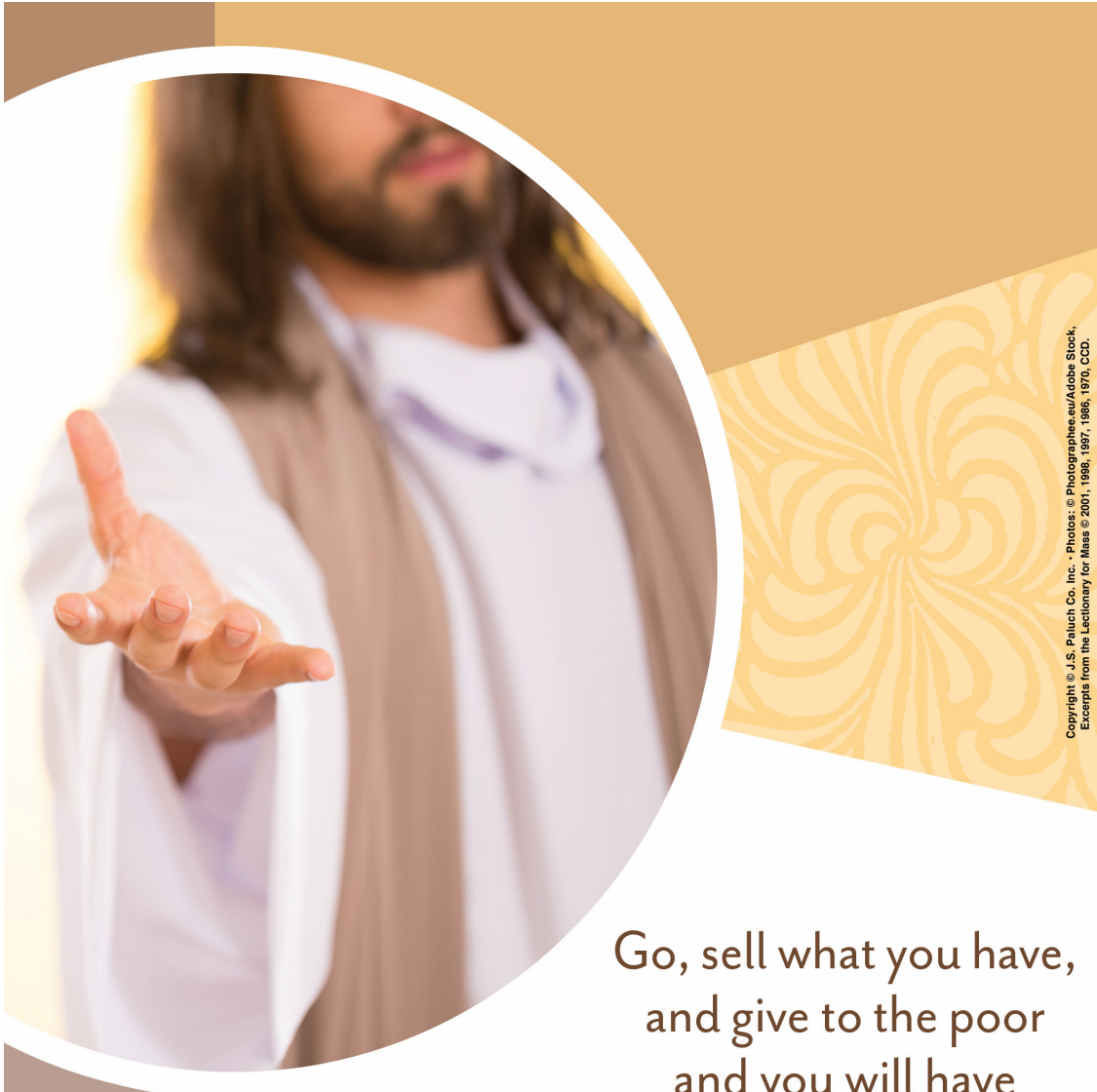


# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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Go, sell what you have,  
and give to the poor  
and you will have  
treasure in heaven;

***then come,  
follow me.***

Mark 10:21

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021



## Monday, October 11 is Columbus Day

Columbus Day 9:00am Mass will be held @ St. John the Apostle (330 N. Westmore). There will be no Mass at St. Alexander's. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 10/11/2021.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Oct. 11—St. John XXIII, Pope</b> Dorothy Jean Radtke
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Oct. 12—Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</b> Laurel Heine
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Oct. 13—Weekday</b> Int. Kevin Crowley Family
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Oct. 14—St. Callistus I, Pope &amp; Martyr</b> In Thanksgiving for & to our Deacons: James Krueger/ Julio Jimenez/Chris Cochran/Matt Tretina
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Oct. 15—St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Francis Campbell (34 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Wedding</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Oct. 16—St. Hedwig, Religious, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM</b> Jason Ehrhardt (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)/Nancy Falash (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)/ Barbara Esposito/Braun & Liss Families/Viola Riley/ Yolanda Gentile
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>Oct. 17—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ruth & Roy Schmitt/Emil Fishcer/Brian King/Lillian Socki/ Int. Toni & George Fenjak
10:30a.m.	Ann Pacenti

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. 10/11:</b>	<b>CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS HOLIDAY</b>		
<b>Tues. 10/12:</b>			
Compassionate Friends	Sister's Room		6:30pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room		6:30pm
Fishers of Men	Maguire Room		6:30pm
<b>Wed. 10/13:</b>			
St. Vincent de Paul	Sister's Room		6:30pm
Faith Formation Catechist Meeting	Fr. Tuan Room		7:00pm
<b>Thurs. 10/14:</b>			
Wedding Rehearsal	Church/GS		6:00pm
Rental-Men's Volleyball	Hall/Gym		7:00pm
<b>Fri. 10/15:</b>			
Wedding	Church/GS		3:00pm
<b>Sun. 10/17:</b>			
Faith Formation	Hall/Gym		8:30am
Faith Formation	Hall/Gym		4:00pm

**Facilities will be closed on Monday, October 11  
for the Columbus Day Holiday.**

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

**Psalm** — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

**Gospel** — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday:** Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]



### Reconciliation

#### St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm  
or by appointment

### No Confessions on October 10.

#### St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm  
or by appointment

## Gospel Reflection

Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor  
and you will have treasure in heaven;

*then come,  
follow me.*

Mark 10:21

### GOD BLESSES AND HEALS US

Most of us sincerely desire to grow in wisdom and in faith. Today's readings explore the challenges we face when we allow God to lead the way. We first hear the author of the book of Wisdom extolling the value of wisdom in our lives. Then in Hebrews we are told that sometimes God exposes difficult truths about ourselves. These readings set up Mark's story of the wealthy man. In his encounter with Jesus, the man faced a very harsh truth, that his possessions actually possessed him and blocked his path to God. We may have similar "moments of truth" when we have an overwhelming desire to minimize or to run away from truth that God reveals to us. In these moments, may we remember that God always seeks to bless and heal us. In these moments, may God open our hearts to receive truth with faith and courage.

### BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

Today's Gospel describes a tense and tragic encounter between Jesus and a wealthy man. It appears that the man sincerely desired to know the way to inherit eternal life. He had followed much of the Law of Moses. Apparently, he had also followed society's rules in gaining and sustaining his wealth, avoiding stealing and defrauding.

Jesus indicates that the man missed a crucial part of the Biblical tradition, which calls upon those who have much to share generously with those who have little. The Old Testament regularly refers to this obligation (for example, see Deuteronomy 15). Historians note that in the society in Jesus' day, the wealthy enjoyed privileges in an economic system that also prevented the poor and vulnerable from meeting their basic needs. The wealthy man's entrapment in his possessions damaged both himself and the whole community. In our own time and place, those of us who enjoy privileges of various kinds are invited into social and economic practices that embrace this biblical generosity.

### HEART SURGERY

Much of our inner life is hidden from others. This protects us from being harmed by others who would seek advantage over us. But our hidden inner life can also keep wounds from healing, and may help sustain deeply damaging illusions about ourselves and about the outer world.

In today's passage from Hebrews, the author offers vivid imagery of the word of God and its effect upon us. Here, God's word is described as the active power of God that penetrates our hearts. God is described as a surgeon who can expose our hidden places and maneuver around our hardness of heart. Exposure of our inner self can be terrifying. During surgery, we are deeply vulnerable and utterly depend on the surgeon's care and skill so that we can be healed. When events in life allow God to reveal hidden truths about ourselves, it is crucial that we know we are in the hands of a trustworthy and skilled surgeon.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 7:7-11  
Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]

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# PARISH NEWS

## Christmas Card Project

Again this year, our parish is collecting **SIGNED**, Christmas Cards for *Companions Journeying Together*. Incarcerated people are isolated. A simple card lets them know they are not forgotten. Please sign one or more cards, **first name only**. Add a message, something uplifting and expressing compassion but please don't be preachy. Please do not use stickers, glue, or paste on envelopes. Use cards which represent a diverse population. Do not send cards which talk about Novenas and/or Masses. Stamps are always appreciated. **Please return cards to the Parish Office by Thurs. Oct. 28 @ Noon.**



**Questions? Please contact:  
Pat Ivanauski**

## Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry Donations Resume

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of 9 St. Alexander couples, we will resume taking food donations to the food pantry every week at the First United Methodist Church in Lombard. The food pantry serves about 120 families per week and has been in operation for 40 years.

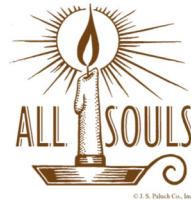
The items most in need are:

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Hearty soups
- Canned meals (chili, beef stew, etc.)
- Pasta and pasta sauce



Donations can be dropped off in the boxes by the doors coming into the church. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

If you have any further questions, please contact:  
Bob Baker @ 630-833-0089



## Feast of All Souls Mass Tuesday, November 2 8:00pm

St. Alexander will observe the **Feast of All Souls** on **Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at a 8:00pm Mass**. During the Mass, you will be invited to pray in memory of your loved one as his/her name is read aloud. The Easter Candle, symbolizing the Risen Christ, and present at each Funeral Mass, will be lighted in memory of all of the deceased loved ones who have gone ahead to New Life with the Risen Lord.

You are also invited to bring a small framed photograph of your deceased family member and to place it on the **"Table of Remembrance"** in the Gathering Space. Please write your name and phone number on the back of the photo and plan to remove the photo by November 22.

If you wish to have the name of someone who has died since October 31, 2019 included, please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office by Monday, October 25 @ NOON. If you would also like the person's name included in the October 31 bulletin, please return the form Monday, October 25 @ NOON.

*Please wear a mask at the All Souls Mass.  
Thank you.*

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### All Souls Mass and Bulletin

<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Month</u>
_____	_____
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# Faith Formation News and Parish/Diocesan News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—[khalloran@x-town.com](mailto:khalloran@x-town.com)



## Do you want to experience the Mass up close?

### We need you for Altar Serving!

Serving at the Altar helps increase your faith and builds a unique relationship between you and Jesus Christ.

Ages 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and up.

Training will be provided.

Contact the Parish Office: 630-833-7730



We are in need of **Ushers** at all Masses. Ushers have the following responsibilities:

1. Ask people to bring up the gifts.
2. Direct people during Communion
3. Hand out bulletins after Mass
4. Collect the money out of the collection box.

If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office at 630-833-7730.

*Thank you!*

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“The Father John Barrett Council of the Knights of Columbus, Council 8365 of Villa Park, will be hosting a **hospitality/membership drive** after all masses during the October 9/10 weekend. We are a Catholic Men’s

Fraternal Organization that focuses on serving charities within our local community and throughout the Diocese of Little Rock through our volunteer efforts.

We encourage all Catholic Men ages 18 years and older to consider joining our group. We will have members available to answer your questions and help you sign up in the Gathering Space of St. Alexander's after all masses on October 9/10.



**WORLD  
MISSION  
SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 24**

World Mission Sunday, our annual celebration of the Church’s global missions, will take place on October 24 this year. This collection serves as a worldwide effort to provide for the strengthening of more than 1,000 local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love, mercy, and peace.

# PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS



Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month!  
**respect-life.org/celebrate.**

## CASSEROLE MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2021

**Date**  
**Returned**      **Frozen Casserole**  
Nov. 6/7          Shepherd's Pie & Rockburn Chili

Contact Betty St. Louis (bettyst.louis@comcast.net) if you would like to make a casserole for the shelters.

**CCW**  
**Reverence For Life**  
**St. Alexander Catholic Church**  
**Villa Park, IL**  
**October 23, 2021**

(Directly following 5:00 PM Mass)

**Due to the necessary cancellations of the CCW's Mother's Day and Father's Day events, we will be combining these events with Reverence for Life and sponsoring a Living Rosary in the month of October.**



Directly after the 5 pm Mass on October 23<sup>rd</sup> we will gather on the south side of church around a large rosary and pray together. As each prayer is voiced, a memorial luminary will be lit.

The luminaries will be sold at Masses on the weekends of October 9/10 and 16/17.

There will be 3 choices of luminaries sold:

- ✦ Personal Intention (floating) \$30.00
- ✦ Family (floating) \$25.00
- ✦ Individual Name (ground) \$5.00

For the safety of the neighborhood, the floating luminaries will be filled with helium balloons and only battery tealight candles will be used for luminance.

In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the Hall (gym).

# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## October 2021 Prayer for Vocations

*Remember these religious men and women from the Diocese of Joliet in your daily prayers .*

11. Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh O.S.A., Fr. James Friedel O.S.A., Fr. Joseph McCormick O.S.A., Fr. John Merkelis O.S.A.
12. Seminarian Joshua Solarz
13. Dcns. Thomas Rachubinski, Donald Randolph, David Raskowski, Thomas Rehak, Philip Rehmer
14. Seminarian Br. Pius Ouma Oyoo
15. Sr. Lourdes Boyer OSF, Sr. Sue Bruno OSF, Sr. Maria Bui OSF
16. Sr. Bernard Marie Campbell OSF, Sr. Mary Ann Clark OSF, Sr. Mary Agnes Cross OSF
17. Fr. John Sebahar, Fr. Greg Skowron

## Rosebud Program

*"Please pray for the following who have requested prayers of CCW's Rosebud Program."*



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Anthony & Beth on the birth of their daughter Iris Aveline.  
Susan on the birth of her sons Levi William & Lincoln James.  
Theresa & Nick on the birth of their son Noah Nicholas.

Alexia & Jorge due in 10/21.	Kelly & Jeremy due in 11/21.
Collette & Ben due in 10/21.	Lindsay & Dan due in 12/21.
Tricia & Cameron due in 10/21.	Lily & Tim due in 12/21.

### Special Intentions for:

Tracey & Bob	Lisa & Jim	Carl & Terrie
Trina	Maria & Bobby	Amanda & Scott
Tony & Andrea	Amy & Sam	Bob & Cyndy
Rose & Eleodoro	Mary Frances	Jason & Leah
Mary	Julie & Rus	Kristin

**Please call Michele if you have any questions or would like to add a name or update: 630.564.8423.**



## Sick

We pray for those who have recently been added to our prayer list for the sick. Names will remain in the bulletin list for 1 month.

**Saul Ayala, Emily Bertucci, Charles Brown, Bob Chandler, Garcey DiBella, Walter Dittmer, Matt Doyle, Prinda Fabis, Pat Ivanauski, Joy and Gene Gassensmith, Frank Gill, Marge Green, Judy (McAardle) Heikes, Armon McArdle, Nick Jones, Diane Knudtson, Chrissy Kulinski, Ray Orsolini, Hailey Wilson Peyer, Jerry Riley, Jon Riley, James Rohrich, Gary Spearman, Gerry Spearman Allan Sterwalt, Karen Soukup, Linda Toaddy, Judy Travnicek, Marie Demke, Barb Doyle, Clare Stralko, Peter Maney and all those sick from COVID**

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : [www.stalexanderparish.org](http://www.stalexanderparish.org)

## Holy Ghost Church in Wood Dale

Presents

### What Does It Mean To Be Catholic Today?

### A Fall Parish Mission With Fr. Tom McCarthy\*

**Sunday, October 10 @ 4:30PM**

Prayer -

- ✦ Is it worth it? Does God listen to me?
- ✦ Answered or unanswered prayers—which do I believe in?

**Monday, October 11 @ 7:00pm**

The Family of Faith—

- ✦ Do I consider my Parish a Family?
- ✦ How do I build up my family of faith?
- ✦ I want to belong—how do I do it?

**Both presentations will be held at Holy Ghost Church, 254 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191**



\*Fr. Tom McCarthy is a popular parish mission presenter and retreat director. He was ordained in the Augustinian Order. He served over 21 years at St. Rita High School as their school chaplain, then as president, president/principal and finally as chairman of the board. Currently, he serves the Augustinians as their Vocations Director.



**Our Faithfully Departed**  
Yolanda Gentile, Joseph Barry Gilbert,  
Joseph & Maria Aranda  
and For those who died from COVID-19



# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 10/3/2021.....	\$10,576
Online Giving (WeShare) 09/28/21—10/4/21	\$1,942
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$122,358
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—51 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 10/3/2021.....	\$141
Online Giving (WeShare) 09/28/21—10/4/21	\$45

**September 2021 Weekly Envelope Giving:**  
**\$21,849**

### Online Contributions (September 2021)

Sunday Collections .....	\$10,013
Major Maintenance .....	\$180
Miscellaneous .....	\$305

*(Adoration,  
Faith Formation Tuition Assistance,  
Hurricane Relief, St. Vincent de Paul)*

**Thank you for your continued financial support of St. Alexander!**

# PARISH REGISTRATION

## Why register with St. Alexander Parish?

**Faith is a Journey, not a Destination.** Registering with the parish is a commitment to your Faith Journey and St. Alexander’s would like to walk with you.

### Benefits to registering as a Parishioner:

1. Registration helps you stay connected with the parish, builds community and helps the parish stay connected with you.
2. Other parishes (*including St. Alexander*) often request verification of a person’s status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, sacraments, etc., when that person has been asked to be a **Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor**. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
3. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.

## Welcome to St. Alexander!

We are blessed to have you with us today—and every weekend! Our liturgies are enhanced by your presence and participation. We hope that you find the experience here at St. Alexander’s to include a warm and inspiring celebration of the Eucharist and the faith that we profess.

If you are not registered at St. Alexander’s or are registered and need to make changes, please complete the form below and place it in the offertory basket or mail it to the Parish Office at 300 S. Cornell Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] New Parishioner [ ] New Address

[ ] New Phone Number



**PLEDGE REPORT: Oct. 3, 2021**

Please continue to make your **2021 CMAA** pledge payments . **Once** we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$42,100</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$44,375</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$43,189</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,186</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>Rebate</b>	<b>\$762</b>

**Thank you for your continued support.**



**Parish Center:** 630.833.7730  
**Fax Number:** 630.833.3127  
**Office Hours:**  
 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon  
 1:00 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.  
 Friday 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.  
**Church Website:** www.stalexanderparish.org  
**Parish e-mail:** office@stalexanderparish.org  
**Bulletin e-mail:** bulletin@stalexanderparish.org  
**Mass Schedule:**  
 Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m.  
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
 6:00 p.m. (*Spanish Mass*)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.  
 (English and Spanish)

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
*Attendance at a pre-Baptismal class is required for both English and Spanish Baptisms. Pre-registration is necessary prior to class.*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.  
**Spanish Baptisms:**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
 Arrangements must be made **AT LEAST SIX (6)** months in advance before making other arrangements.

**Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**  
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 3:00pm-8:00pm  
**Pastor:** Reverend Mark Rosenbaum  
**Mass Assistants:**  
 Rev. David Dillon/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/  
 Rev. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/  
 Rev. Danny Soriano/Rev. Johnus  
**Permanent Deacons:**  
 John Boyle, Emeritus/Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez  
 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina  
**Music Coordinator:** Alexia Garcia  
**Office Administrator:** Sue D’Alessandro  
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